

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

JUNE 2022



Summer Solstice June 21, 2022
It's going to be a long day...enjoy it.



Board Member Stuart Funk effortlessly levitates his body while simultaneously monitoring a turtle crosswalk. Is there anything this fine sailor can't do?

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2022 WVSC Social Calendar

If you would like to help out with a social event, don't be shy. We need your help and enthusiasm. Please give any board member a call, a text or an email or 775-1064 Janet or Tedd

JUNE:

UNKLE GENE'S SWAP MEET, June 4

- 10:00-2:00
- Don't miss it. Always a good time and you might pick up a boat, a bargain a beer and a braut! How can you beat that?

Didn't think so. Come on out.

SCAVENGER HUNT, tentatively planned for June

24 HOURS ON BOARD & "MOSTLY UNDER SAIL" CHALLENGE June 11

- 10:00 AM June 11 - 10:00 AM June 12
- Murmurs of a few brave boats and crews gearing up to hit it head on. Quick Trip is taking orders for Red Bull... by the case. We had three boats last year, looking for five or more this year. You can do it!

CAPTAINS FIRE IN THE GALLEY COOKOFF, June 25

- Your famous FLAMICHE AU MAROILLES off the galley and plated up in 45 minutes flat OR your favorite recipe presented to our very own world renowned WVSC galley judges. *A timed cook off with judges, awards, fun and good times! PIZZA FOR EVERYONE AFTER THE COOKS FINISH COOKING AND JUDGES JUDGING. THIS IS **NOT** A PIZZA COOKOFF - COOKS WILL PREPARE WHATEVER THEY WISH FOR THE JUDGES!!!!

JULY:

CLUB BREAKFAST & ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL, July 9

- 9:00 AM Breakfast, Cool Boats Sail after breakfast
- First of two "All the Cool Boats Sail" events,
- Nothing to prove here, we know you're cool, you're going to sail with us.

Long Distance Race * tentatively planned for July

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, July 25

- 2:00 PM

AUGUST:

POKER RUN, * tentatively planned for August

PRAM-SABOT BOAT RACE & FLOAT-A-THON, August 20

- 2:00 PM
- You could win a trophy, go home dripping wet, or both!
- Insider tip: paint a waterline below your gooseneck and one just above your

gooseneck... in case you capsize and turtle

FINAL SUNDAY SUNDAES, August 28

- 2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER:

CLUB BREAKFAST & ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL, Sept. 3

- 9:00 AM Breakfast, Cool Boats Sail after breakfast
- To the flag and back- don't know how to navigate with a compass, no worries, we'll teach you, or just follow "All the Cool Boats!"

CAMPING BEYOND B DOCKS AND SO MUCH MORE, Sept. 18

- We had a blast last year. Good friends, fine pizza, perfect night.
- We have boats already signed up and a enthusiastic support boat making plans for a friendly night of fun again this year. All we need is you.

OCTOBER:

SMOKIN-HOT CHILI COOKOFF, Oct. 1

- 6:00 Happy Hour, 7:00 dinner
 - Can you spell kie-ann? Do you like kie-ann pepper?
 - Come on out anyway, we'll have some bel peppers too!
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Don't Miss Uncle Gene's
AMAZING SWAP MEET!
Saturday, June 4th 10:00 - 2:00

You never know what you'll find... or *who* might show up
Uncle Gene's Swap Meet is always amazing

- anything & everything boat related
 - under the cool shade of the WVSC cabana
 - Don't miss it!
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24 Hours on Board and *Mostly Under Sail* Challenge

- We'll shove off the docks at about 10:00 AM June 11 and return around 10:00 AM June 12
 - Murmurs of a few brave boats and crews gearing up to hit it head on. We had three boats last year and had a blast. We're looking for five or more boats this year. You can do it!
 - Can't do the full 24 hours? No worries - come on out and join us for the time you have. It's all good!
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Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff

Join us on June 25th and you can:
cook eat drink watch talk schmooze

The rules in a nutshell:

- prep ahead; slice and dice, wash, organize etc. (no pre-cooking)
- 45 minutes start to finish cook time
- cook on a stove that would be reasonable for the boats in our club
- **teams of two encouraged** or feel free to go-it-alone
- one main entree and one side required - enough for three judges to taste
- present one dinner plate with entry to be judged

It's all in fun! Jump in there, we'll be super nice even if your soufflé' goes dead flat! We'll add a category for dead flat soufflé' and you may still win a prize.

\$5 PIZZA FOR EVERYONE AFTER THE COOKS FINISH COOKING AND JUDGES JUDGING. THIS IS NOT A PIZZA COOKOFF - COOKS WILL PREPARE WHATEVER THEY WISH FOR THE JUDGES!!!!

Triple Dog Dare You



**Not your typical home video...
prepare to be surprised!**

A delightfully pleasant afternoon showing how one super cool sailing family introduces a two year old kid to snorkeling among sharks with respect and admiration.

Get a bowl of popcorn, a coke and a smile and sit back and enjoy. Great shots of sailing with an asymmetrical drifter too!



No Molten Lava or Earthquakes?

Thanks to the quick action of a couple alert WVSC Sailors these tournament fishermen got out of the wind, the rain, the hail and the waves safely. We offered our fishing friends a line and a cleat, a towel, a dry chair, safe harbor AND a hot cup of coffee.

In twenty minutes they were back out on the water, happy as a clam.



A few of the fine sailors that made it out for the Commodore's Cookout. A good time was had by all!

top left: Greg & Nikki Rinker, Kathy Malcom

top right: Kathy Malcom, Genee Kubin, Nikki Rinker, Paul Schye, Kevin

Welch, Richard Barth, Rick Brandorff, Chris Brandorff, Christie Reynolds,
bottom left: The Turtle Whisperer Funk, Security Chief Welch
bottom right: Steve Kubin, Captain Brammer, Dave Reynolds

Special Thanks to our Cooking Commodore and Board Members:

Commodore: Chris Proudfoot

Board Members: Kevin Welch, Austin Bayes, Paul Schye, Troy Oberly, Stuart Funk, Captain Preston Brammer

Thanks for the pictures **Ardie Condon!**



Look Close

Trying to get your bearings on this photo? This is our cove before it was dredged and before the clubhouse was built. Our main

gate is to the right in the photo. The white is snow and the mirror is quite possibly on **David Reynold's** snowmobile.

Thanks to **Gene Plehal** for sharing this interesting piece of WVSC history. The year is 1984 or thereabouts. So I'm told.

The picture is a copy of a thirty year old photo, so not the best quality...

The Latest & Greatest Out on The Race Course

Racers: May 11 results

We opened up our racing season with a wild boat race.

Temps were mid 80, skies clear, winds pre-race were 17 kts g 26--and yes, that's about 20 - 30 mph.

Thanks to Dana for handling RC duties in the rough waves, and for the pics. We set up a fairly long "I" course, 2 laps. With the speeds we were hitting, the finish times ended up under 30 min.

For a first race, and even first sail of the season, we experienced challenges, however, we all persevered. The racing was tight. Ernie and crew debuted his Etchells, Gary Mackey is back racking this summer in his 22 Sport, and we rounded up the fleet with our 22 Sport, with Kevin on board this year. All 3 crews finished within 32 sec of each other corrected time.

Congrats to Ernie and crew for bagging a win on a blustery evening. We managed to barely hold off Gary by a scant 6 sec for second, and they were closing fast. If you take a look at the photos, the first one is a few seconds after the start. The second photo is about a minute or so into the race. Take a closer look at the nearest boat, it's Gary Mackey. It was a rough ride at times. Ernie's crew was soaked, and we were taking a lot of spray over the cabin. We were reefed, jib only, and had all we could handle. It was pretty cool hitting speeds above hull speed on the downwind legs.

As usual, the winds calmed down as the sun set, and we all had some pretty good stories for that race in our post-race social. Turned out to be a beautiful night on



Ernie on his Etchell's with crew

Our crew finished 5th, followed by Gary Mackey, and then Dana to round out the final 3 boats.

CT order of finish for Race 1 (Congrats to Steve and Randy -- that's a pretty competitive fleet that took the line)

the docks. Given the weather we've had this spring, it was good to be back out on the water.

Cheers,
Blaine

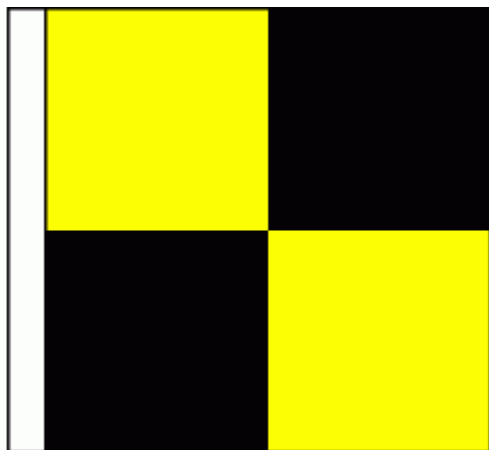
1st Condon/White Etchells
2nd Van Dam/Welch C22
3rd Mackey/Bill C22

1 Kubin/Malcon Capri 22
2 Brammer/Blankenhsp C22
3 Condon/White Etchells
3 (tie) Nold/Pierce C22
5 Van Dam/Welch C22
6 Mackey/Bill C22
7 Herring/crew H23

Racers: May 18 results

Great turnout Wed night, with 7 boats taking the line. Weather: Clear skies. Temps high 70s, winds around 7-8 mph out of the NE. Stuart served as RC. We also had guests from El Dorado, who took a fair amount of video for an El Dorado area promotional campaign--so you may see your fellow racers pop up somewhere on the big screen. Thanks to Stuart for being a good host for our club, as he invited the PR crew out on the RC boat to get a close-up perspective of sailboat racing.

First race: Steve and Randy on the Capri were battling Ernie's crew on the Etchells, finishing 1-2 on the water. Preston and Gene & Gary were also paired in a tight dual for the next 2 finishers, with Preston crossing the line first.



We had 5 boats stay on the water for a second race, finish times below:

Race #2 -- Congrats to Gene and Gary for your win.

All in all, we had a great evening out on the water. Hope to see some of video soon. I'm out on the road next week, please let Dana (RC) know if you plan on racing next week--we'll see you after the holiday.

Cheers,
Blaine

1 Nold/Pierce C22
2 Van Dam/ Welch C22
3 Mackey/ Bill C22
4 Herring H23
5 Condon/ White Etchells

Yellow and black checked flag is the **Come Within Hail** flag. When you see this flag it's time to check in with the committee boat. Sail past the stern of the committee boat on starboard and call out your sail numbers to the race committee. This flag should come down 6 minutes before the *start* of the race.

Don't let a few racing rules scare you off! There are really only about four rules you need to know, and the rest.... you'll learn them as you go. It's all in good fun and we would love to see you and your boat out on the course. Don't have a boat on the water, we'll find a boat for you. **Steve**

Kubin and Randy Malcolm need a few passenger-crewmembers; they're always happy to tow a tender. Show up on the docks any Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM and we'll get you on board. See you next Wednesday! Cheers.



From WVSC Security Chief:

Always stay secure on the water. Wear your life jacket. It's not if you will need it, it's when...

"Oh, and has anyone seen my keys? Over"

TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

Nope it's not yard art! Although for \$570,000 cash we'll let you have it and you can call it whatever you like...



This is our spanking new safety depository can for cigar and cigarette butts. Please find it located near the kiosk adjacent to the picnic tables on the main walkway.

Just to be safe - please extinguish your smokes before you toss them in the fire can... no paper or trash please!

Meeting Minutes 5/12/22 Gadalla's office

Meeting Minutes 5/12/22. Dr. Gadalla's office. Members in attendance: Paul Schye, Preston Brammer, Chris Proudfoot, Kevin Welch, Troy Oberly, Austin Bayes.
Call to order: 7:07 PM. Commodore's remarks: Activity is ramping up at the club. There was an inquiry online for someone looking to see if the club offers sailing charters, and dry storage has been sprayed for weeds, but not showing signs of dying off yet. Club will reach out to treatment company see if dry storage needs to be gone back through. Good turnout for last Wednesday's breakfast.
Approve April Minutes: Motion by Austin B. Troy O. second – All approve.
Membership concerns: N/A
New Business: John McCabe stepping down from Building and Grounds Chair. May 21st set for Board of Governors meet and greet.
Long range planning: N/A
Clubhouse: Repair floor under fridge. The flooring is binding under/in front of the fridge.

Powerboat: Drained water from under the seats and made drain holes to prevent water accumulation. Need to determine if the pontoon needs to have fuel shutoff and run motor dry after use, or not. The Board will also set up an orientation for club members on pontoon operation for rescue/recovery situations.

Harbour: In the process of replacing damaged dock boards. Request from Troy Oberly to install a new dock box in his slip. Motion by Paul S. Austin B second. – All approve.

Activities center: New valve installed in men's restroom toilet.

Membership: Updated roster on club website.

STEP: Stuart has passed the first exam to obtain license to become a certified sailing instructor. The 14.2's have been cleaned up. The whalers need to be inspected and launched this year to ensure they stay up to standards. The trailer tires for the whalers need replacement. Getting quotes on new tires. Archivist: N/A

Public relations: An open house for the club will be on the second Sunday of every month to allow people interested in sailing to come out to the club and get a hands-on experience out on the water if weather permits. We will have a signup on our website RSVP to ensure we have enough boats/volunteers to take guests out on.

Website change to Zant Technologies is transferring in the next few weeks.

Finance: Notable expenses - Paid for club insurance, property taxes, weed spray, and new lock for club entry gate.

Dry Storage: Trash picked up, and debris cleanup is underway. Determining what obsolete/worn equipment (damaged floats/random boards) needs to be disposed of.

Building/grounds: First mowing of the season completed. Thank you Troy!

Calling: NA

Racing activities: First race of the season completed, and winds have been challenging. Social: N/A

Government relations: N/A

Security: New locks have been installed on clubhouse, and a cleat has been installed on clubhouse entry door to tie door open when needed.

Sailing Activities: NA

Business Calendar: NA

Old Business: Remove sunken hydro hoist from dock.

Motion to adjourn: 8:56 by Kevin W. Austin B. second. - All approve.



the GroundsGuys

We're in contact with the Grounds Guys and are working to get the weeds under control ASAP!

We know it's not pretty. The Grounds Guys were back out and sprayed - at no cost on 5-27. We're monitoring the *progress*.

We appreciate your patience.
Thanks.

Don't Be Shy

We would love to see, hear, and/or read about your photos, short articles, video clips, travel stories, spelunking adventures etc... or any other interesting endeavor you've been up to lately.

Not 100% sure, but that looks like a youthful **Rick Brandorff** a couple of years ago? Rick is obviously watching Chris just ahead to see what her next move is. Nice work sailor-spelunkers **Rick and Chris Brandorff**. Wow, and Rick plays the guitar too!



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Call any board member and let them know you would like to help out. We need you, we want you and we appreciate your efforts, big or small. Thanks!

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Board Liaison: Committee Chair:



YOUR COUCH

June 4 - Uncle Gene's Swap Meet
June 11 - 24 HRS On The Water Challenge
June 25th - Captain's Fire in the Galley Cookoff

JOKE OF THE MONTH



**"Gilligan eats the last package of cookies on
Cooper's Island."**

Ginger snaps

Boats & Gear For Sale

Catalina 22 Sails

1 - Main sail in good condition -
\$150 obo.

1 - 135 Genoa Mylar sail good

1998 Precision 18

Fully Equipped \$7,500

150% Genoa, Jib has roller reefing
Shoal keel with swing down C/B

condition - \$200 obo.

I also have a cabin enclosure that goes over the popup cabin and has zippers in the front and rear for air to pass through and opening for the companion way for a 26 foot Clipper Marine in great condition - \$150 obo.

Contact Stuart Funk at 620-382-5866 or mictfunk@gmail.com

1990 Catalina Capri 26

"South Forty" Nearly new, Mercury 9.9; 4 - Stroke 'Big Foot'

'Sail On' brand trailer, Roller furling genoa, self tailing winches
9.75' Beam, 3.5' Draft, Wing Keel
All sails in good condition
Asking \$16,500 for Boat, Trailer and all equipment

Contact Arnie Kroupa
316-250-4161
or amkroupa6@gmail.com
photo below

Harken blocks & rigging
Nearly new Yamaha, 4 stroke, 4 HP
O/B included

Too many extras to list
Contact Fred Harvey at
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The following boats were

donated by members of WVSC.
Proceeds help fund the youth program.

Contact Gene Nold at 316-734-3981
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1988 Gloucester 23

Fully equipped: 1999 Mercury 9.9 O/B & galvanized trailer. Boat has been sailed by WVSC members since purchased new in 1988.

PRICE REDUCED \$1,000
WVSC dry storage space 422
Gene 316-734-3981
photo below





40' Dragonfly 1200
\$290,000

photo at right

"Emma" is arguably the highest value trimaran ever built by Quorning Boats.

Current location: San Francisco, California

SPECIFICATIONS

LOA 39'2"

Beam 28'2"

Draft folded 2'6" / 6' 7" board down

Year built 2003

Displacement 12,555lbs.

ENGINE

Volvo Penta D2- 55 diesel

Stainless 44 gallon fuel tank



40' Dragonfly 1200 - Emma

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